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SUBJECT: FURTHER INFORMATION ON ZELMAR MICHELINI AND LUIS HECTOR GUTIERREZ
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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED [redacted] 3.3(b)(1) SUPPLEMENTING THAT PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORTED IN REFTEL.

2. IN 1970, LUIS HECTOR GUTIERREZ RUIZ WAS ONE OF THREE DIRECTORS OF THE PRO-CUBAN, EXTREME LEFT NEWSPAPER "EL DEBATE." GUTIERREZ REPORTEDLY SUPPLIED THE MLN-TUPAMAROS WITH INFORMATION USED IN KIDNAPPING U.S. DIPLOMATS IN MONTEVIDEO IN 1970. IN APRIL 1972, GUTIERREZ WAS REPORTEDLY KIDNAPPED HIMSELF BY THE MLN IN ORDER TO INTERVIEW NELSON BARDECIO, A POLICE OFFICER KIDNAPPED BY THE MLN IN FEBRUARY 1972 AND ALLEGED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE "DEATH SQUADRON." GUTIERREZ WAS RELEASED BY THE MLN ON APRIL 25, 1972.

3.3(b)(1)

3. THE FOLLOWING [redacted] DISSEMINATIONS INCLUDE REFERENCES TO GUTIERREZ' ACTIVITIES:

3.3(b)(1) [redacted] 3.3(b)(1) [redacted]

3. ZELMAR MICHELINI'S CLASSIFIED BIO REPORT DATED JULY 1967 IS AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT. THERE IS NOT MUCH FURTHER TO ADD TO THAT REPORT. [redacted] STATES HE WAS 3.3(b)(1) ACCUSED BUT NEVER FORMALLY CITED FOR HIS OPEN SUPPORT OF THE MLN IN 1970. HE FLED INTO SELF-IMPOSED EXILE TO BUENOS AIRES IN 1973 AND NO ORDER OF DETENTION AGAINST HIM AS EVER ISSUED BY THE GOU. ACCORDING TO A URUGUAYAN LIAISON SOURCE, MICHELINI WAS CONSIDERED BY ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES TO BE WORKING WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY COORDINATING JUNTA (JCR) IN ARGENTINA IN ORCHESTRATING THE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST URUGUAY. THE JCR IS THE COORDINATING G
UP FOR THE TERRORIST/SUBVERSIVE GROUPS OF CHILE, ARGENTINA, URUGUAY AND BOLIVIA. SIRACUSA SECRET

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